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SENATOR THOMPSON: Correct.

CLERK: Okay. Mr. President, the next motion, Senator Cudaback and Suttle would move that LB 922 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Cudaback, who should I recognize to open? Senator Cudaback, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Speaker, members, one really wonders where to start here on this issue. Some would say that Jim Cudaback is trying to get a new judge in the district. Well, Jim Cudaback is not trying to. This body, I'm going to make this short and sweet here, this body established by statute the State Court Administrator shall provide adequate administrative support and information as requested by the commission. After making a determination the commission shall report the results to the Legislature and recommend, got that, and recommend any legislative changes which are needed. It goes on further: if Legislature action is required, if legislative action is required, this body established that Resources Commission; Jim Cudaback didn't, Deb Suttle didn't, Dave Landis didn't, Senator Kristensen didn't, this body did it. They wanted to take it out of the hands...you got this? I know we're all listening here and we're all trying to get our minds on the party tonight, but let's listen for about five seconds here...or five minutes or ten minutes. This body established this commission, the Resources Commission, and they recommend, by weighted factors, they recommended that we have a new judge in the district. We did not do this. I don't know how much more clear I can make it. One ponders, you know, in the evening when you're in bed wondering what to say and all these fancy things you come up with and what you don't like and, like Senator Kristensen said, we were mad. I was mad, you know, the Governor vetoed my bill. If I'd a done what I wanted to when I was trying to sleep last night, why, I'd probably need this judge for my own defense, but that goes without saying I guess (laughter), but the Governor had his reasons to do what he did. That's fine. I'll go through the steps here and we all know what the steps are. We know what the steps are. I introduce a bill, it's referenced to a committee, referenced to a committee, committee passes it upstairs, we have the three--General, Select, Final Reading. We